



# CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON



Administrator John Theien started dreaming about **Christmas on Cabarton** shortly after arriving in Cascade in October 2022. The concept, while not a new one, will have a “Trinity Pines twist” that hopes to point visitors and guests toward the true meaning of Christmas. The project is scheduled to launch this holiday season and will include lights and decorations to be seen from State Highway 55 and especially on Cabarton Road. The Conference Center has often been referred to as a beacon on a hill. Now, add the flavor of Christmas décor and lights and you have an even greater emphasis as to what many people might see as just a dark side of a mountain. The goal is to be open following Thanksgiving and for at least 2-3 weeks into December.

How can you participate?

1. We need Christmas lights! White and colored, new and used, all shapes and sizes, mostly outdoor lighting. We could also use good exterior extension cords in all lengths.
2. We need large Christmas decorations that may have been used in a yard that are still useable and will give three-dimensional life to the display.
3. Christmas on Cabarton comes with some expenses for electrical wiring, electrical cords, additional lights, etc. If you are willing to support this project, clearly mark your investment as “Christmas on Cabarton.”

The earlier in November that we know the amount of money available, the greater our opportunity will be to enhance the 2023 display. Unlike many camps and retreat locations in various areas, Trinity Pines can be seen very clearly at night from Highway 55 which handles thousands of cars during the holiday weekends. We hope that the short distance from the main road down Cabarton will attract visitors to come see what all the color on the dark mountain is all about. For years, our family has traveled around the valley and, when we see a spectacular light display in the distance during the holidays, we head in that direction to check it out. That is our goal with Christmas on Cabarton. What has usually been a slower season for staff due to less rentals will hopefully bring visitors to see the holiday beacon on the hill. We invite you to join us in this new opportunity for ministry.

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Sept 2-4	NNU Freshmen
Sept 8-10	Calvary Chapel Caldwell
Sept 8-10	Vale Christian Church Women's Retreat
Sept 8-10	NNU Basketball Service Retreat
Sept 9	Unconditional Life
Sept 11-14	Liberty Mountaintop Retreat
Sept 15-17	Calvary Chapel TV Women's Retreat
Sept 15-16	Boise State University Choir Retreat
Sept 22-24	IMD Women's Retreat
Sept 25-27	IMD Pastor's Team Retreat
Sept 28-30	Eagle Christian Church Women's Retreat

## TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

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CASCADE, IDAHO

SEPTEMBER 2023

**UNUSUAL WEATHER:** This weather has continued to prevail at Trinity Pines all summer. Idaho has recorded record levels of moisture, especially in August. By this time we are usually seeing dry grass showing that fall is on the way, but that is not the case this year. We still have many areas where lush grass and shrubs are abundant. The fall colors are hinting with cooler evenings and mornings, and it appears that fall colors will be brilliant because of leaves recently being washed by so much rain. Mother Nature has certainly given us an extended green season at the camp.

**POMERELLE COTTAGE TO GET A NEW LID:** That's correct, Pomerelle is next for a new roof this fall. We are slowly replacing all the cottage roofs, replacing asphalt shakes with a metal roof that is especially designed for high snow capacity and moisture.

**HELP! We need manpower on September 18-20** to remove the old roof **and on September 21-23** to put the new roof in place. **We need 4-5 helpers** who are comfortable being on a roof and have some hand tools to assist with the project. Housing and food will be provided. Call the Trinity Pines office 208-382-6200 to make a reservation and let them know you are coming.

**NOT A GREAT EXPERIENCE:** When we had a plumbing pipe problem in late June, who would have thought we would still be in the throes of the issue in September? The broken pipe flooded the women's restroom and storage closets on the east side of the Conference Center. This resulted in having the restoration company remove all the wall boards and fixtures to properly dry the wood to avoid mold. Because of high demand on these type of services we were moved down the list and trying to get an adjuster to assess the damage became a challenge. We are still without use of the elevator to the lower area and the ladies restroom area. Heading into retreat season we are hoping this project will be completed and we will be back into full use of the lower restrooms. Thanks to everyone for your patience and those who have worked on the project.

**FARMHOUSE:** The Farmhouse will soon become the home of Administrator John and Lois Theien who have been living in their RV since the start of summer when the Goldbergs arrived from Texas. The need for housing their family of six resulted in the Theiens moving out. The board, on their visit to camp in June, evaluated the Farmhouse and decided there needed to be an addition for more living and entertainment space, a garage, and new windows and siding. The process became a little more complicated when we learned there needed to be some foundation work done before new construction. With this much renovation taking place, the Property/Development Committee has recommended that electrical and plumbing be replaced in the building. Leigh Salisbury, Nampa First, and Jim Franklin, Nampa Bethel, are taking the lead on this project. The Farmhouse and the barn are the only remaining structures from when the property was originally purchased in the late 1990's. **We are looking for volunteers** who can help with the construction for the improvements and addition. If you are interested in helping, please send your contact information to Rick Waitley at rick@amgidaho.com. We anticipate starting in mid-September with a goal of having the home ready for occupancy before the snow flies.



**OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE:** Trinity Pines is looking for a large nativity scene. This is not the lighted type from the inside of each figurine but more lifelike and realistic. Sometimes churches have had them, and they may be in a storage closet somewhere. Administrator John Theien has also been in touch with NNU and working with some students in a design class who might be willing to tackle the design and development of some large Christmas scene boards for Christmas on Cabarton. It is exciting to see so many people engaged and responding to this project.

**DO YOU WANNA BE OUR NEIGHBOR?** Ten acres adjacent to the south border of Trinity Pines have become available for sale. The property includes a large Victorian style home and horse corrals. The home has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths at approximately 2,800 square feet.

To view the house and property contact:  
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**WHAT IS AHEAD:** Don't be surprised on your next visit if you see new striping in the parking lot at the Conference Center. With the expansion of the parking lot through the For a Smooth Ride Campaign we have picked up several more parking locations. The striping project includes repainting the lines from Phase I and painting new lines for Phase II.



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 6:30 PM  
VALLEY SHEPHERD NAZARENE CHURCH**

Come and bring friends to hear what has happened this year in the lives of people, ministry, and Trinity Pines. A dessert fellowship will happen during the evening. We will start taking reservations around November 1 for this wonderful evening of celebration.